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SUBJECT: MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: A) MANILA 2061, B) MANILA 1983, C) MANILA 1908

1. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP IS CHAIRED BY COUNTRY DIRECTOR AND COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM EA/PHL, EA/RA/PMU, L/EA, PM/ISO (INCLUDING DIRECTOR), OSD/ISA, OSD/ISA/FMRA (INCLUDING DIRECTOR), JCS AND NSC.

2. WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS AND MESSAGES TO EMBASSY DO INCLUDE DOD INPUTS. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO ISA OF FORMAL JCS COMMENTS ON EMBASSY DRAFT IS FEBRUARY 13. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PREPARATION OF NEGOTIATING POSITION, WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH INITIAL EXAMINATION OF EMBASSY DRAFT, WITH INFORMAL JCS INPUTS. YOU WILL RECEIVE SHORTLY FINAL BATCH OF QUERIES AND COMMENTS RESULTING FROM THIS INITIAL EXAMINATION.

3. MEANWHILE, SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER DIRECTION OF ISA/FMRA HAS ALREADY BEGUN PROCESS SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED IN SECRET

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PARA 3, REF B. IN ADDITION, AIR FORCE AND NAVY LAWYERS

ARE SCRUTINIZING DRAFT, PARTICULARLY THOSE PORTIONS DEALING WITH CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

4. WITH REGARD TO REF C, YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STAGING OF ROMULO SESSION HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY. WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS DECISION REACHED. WITH REGARD TO TABLING OF DRAFT (REF C, PARAS. 3-6), BELIEVE PARAS 2-4, REF B INDICATE WE ARE THINKING MORE OR LESS ALONG SIMILAR LINES. FINAL DECISION ON CONTENTS OF PAPER TO BE GIVEN TO ROMULO WILL HAVE TO AWAIT AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL HERE. INGERSOLL

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